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£1m boat escapes damage by arsonists

ARSONISTS set fire to a factory unit in Brierley Hill where a £1 million powerboat is being built.

Flames ripped through a storage unit at Micklewrights Structures, wrecking two vans.

But firefighters managed to stop the blaze spreading to the powerboat, which is being built ahead of a bid to sail around the world in record-breaking time.

It is believed the arsonists removed a loose panel to get into the six-storey building. Bosses said they had been plagued by vandals and arsonists.

Firefighters were called to the site, on the Thornleigh Trading Estate, at about 2.50pm on Monday afternoon and left at 5.50pm.

They had to use a fork-lift truck to break through metal shutters in order to douse the flames.

Adventurer Alan Priddy, who is leading the world record attempt, said his "heart stopped a few times" when he heard about the fire.

He said: "I really panicked. I don't know what I would do if it got damaged now but thankfully it all seems to be ok."

Micklewrights works manager Gary Smith said: "It was an arson attack. This is an old building ... so it is very difficult to guard."

Parking fee rise attacked

RESIDENTS are uniting against an increase in parking charges for staff at Russells Hall Hospital which they fear could make their roads even more clogged.

Passes for workers at the hospital have gone up by 30 per cent, and locals fear more will be forced to park in neighbouring streets.

Regulations are being enforced on some roads following complaints. Monthly passes will increase to a maximum of £19.50.

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PAIR HELD OVER CAMPSITE DEATH

by Adam Burling

A DUDLEY couple with three children have been arrested over the alleged murder of a woman in Holland 10 years ago after human remains were found at a campsite. Dariusz Majchrzak, aged 39, and Samea Kubiak, 35, are accused of killing Paulina Starczewska, 21.

They are also accused of then burying her underneath a caravan at a site on the outskirts of Amsterdam.

The couple left Holland for France in 2000, before moving to the UK six years ago.

They were arrested on May 14 after police were called to a domestic incident outside their home in Occupation Road, Dudley.

West Midlands Police worked with Interpol and the Serious and Organised Crime Agency and the couple were further arrested under the Extradition Act on suspicion of the murder.

They both appeared in custody on Monday at Westminster Magistrates Court at the start of extradition proceedings.

Investigation

Three West Midlands Police detectives travelled to Holland as part of a joint investigation with Dutch authorities, who had reopened the investigation into the disappearance of Miss Starczewska.

Her mother reported her missing in August 2002, but the case remained unsolved.

Police in Amsterdam later found the remains of a woman at the Het Rietveld camp site in Landsmeer, outside Amsterdam.

Majchrzak and Kubiak were living at the campsite at the time of the alleged murder, the court heard.

After her arrest Kubiak told detectives Majchrzak killed Miss Starczewska in early 2000 at the campsite.

Kubiak, who is eight months pregnant, was remanded in custody until June 2.

Majchrzak has been remanded in custody until June 12.

Heathens site bid is dismissed by leader

AN AMBITIOUS plan to bring speedway back to Dudley at a stadium in the shadow of the town's castle has a complete non-starter according to the borough's council leader.

Dudley Heathens is holding discussions with Gornal Athletic football club on a ground sharing proposal.

Unused land at the foot of Castle Hill between the town's historic zoo and near Black Country Living Museum is the preferred site for club bosses.

But Dudley Council leader David Sparks said the land was part of a major revamp of the tourist attractions.

It is part of a £10 million project to link the zoo and museum and create a new joint entrance.

The former Cradley Heathens side were forced to stop racing in the area in 1995. The club reformed three years ago as Dudley Heathens.

Councillor Sparks said: "The proposal to locate a speedway site in Castle Hill is a complete non-starter. The land in question is a key component of a multi-million-pound project.

"There is no meaningful purpose in plucking sites from the sky which is what, in effect, they have done."

Heathens club chairman and speedway broadcaster Nigel Pearson said they had "not suspected" the council would react this way.

Motorcyclist dies, age 23

A YOUNG motorcyclist from Cradley Heath died after he was involved in a crash with a car.

Daniel Bradley, aged 23, was on a Yamaha that crashed with a Vauxhall Zafira in Birmingham.

It happened in Western Road, Winton Green, just after 9.20pm last Friday.

The 49-year-old driver of the car, from Handsworth, was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and is on police bail.

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£900,000 work 'has caused misery'

A £900,000 revamp of Kinver High Street is continuing to cause misery for residents and shops, more than a year after work was completed, claim traders.

Businesses say their fight to get chicanes, placed on the busy road as part of the project, removed had "not been put to bed".

"They remain hopeful that Staffordshire County Council will take action after villagers won a

reduction in some of the measures following a campaign last year.

Traders said the changes, including the removal of some of the chicanes, had not gone far enough and there were still constant problems being experienced along the route.

Shopkeepers said the road still became congested at delivery times as there was no space for lorries to pull in to drop off goods.

They said some drivers were still

becoming confused over who has the right of way along the route, leading to an increased risk of accidents.

Trader Sarah Jolly, of The Butcherery, said: "Even after all this time, we are still experiencing problems with the road layout. Delivery days are an absolute nightmare."

"There is just no room for the lorries to manoeuvre, and it leads to problems along the High Street."

"We are continuing to battle on.

This is certainly not a fight which has been put to bed.

"We are hoping the county council will take on board what is being said and remove some of these measures from along the route."

Some of the chicanes were taken out and others reduced in size by the county council but traders said it is not enough to prevent the problems.

Staffordshire County Council said it had no plans for further works.

Woman illegally claimed £9,900

A WOMAN falsely received £9,953 in income support and housing benefit after failing to tell the authorities she was living at an address with her husband.

Joanna Linda Wood was ordered to carry out 40 hours unpaid work and placed under a 12 month community order by Dudley magistrates.

The 34-year-old, of Clock Tower View, Wordsley, pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify a change in circumstances between April 2009 and May 2011.

Magistrates heard she had originally claimed for the benefit in 2008 and at the time it had been legitimate as she and her partner had separated.

But the pair had later married and even taken out home insurance in joint names in the April of 2009.

Mr Ben Close, prosecuting on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions, said Wood had already started paying back the money.

Mr Michael Davis, defending, said: "She has never sought to diminish her responsibility and accepts what she did was wrong."

From coronation to the Jubilee, friendships last

Now, organiser Mike Writtle and Pearl Cooksey



Then, Mike Writtle and Pearl Cooksey



Many of the children from the street celebrating the Queen's coronation in 1953, in the picture which inspired the reunion



Former schoolfriends Valerie Preston, Jenny Tomkins, Olwen Meller and Sue Brown



Former friends and neighbours of Dudley Wood Road reunited in St John's church hall

AROUND 100 former neighbours and schoolfriends gathered for a community reunion in Dudley inspired by a photograph taken on the Queen's coronation day almost 60 years ago.

The picture in question was taken in 1953 at a street party in Dudley Wood to celebrate the historic occasion. The whole community had come together back then to fly the flag and welcome their new queen to the throne.

Mike Writtle, who was in the photograph and used to live on Dudley Wood Road organised the first Dudley Wood Reunion in 2009. It was such a success, the 73-year-old

thought he would organise another one to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Writtle said: "The first reunion was fantastic because so many people came. I was surprised how easy it was to contact people, it was just word of mouth. People came along who I hadn't seen in years, and they came from quite a distance.

Astounded

"Because that was a success I organised this second one, and again I have been astounded by the number of people who turned up."

The father-of-three from Lawnswood Road, Wordsley added: "My family owned a sweet shop, so everyone remembers the sweets. I was very popular because of it. Peo-

ple talk to me about the sweet jars lined up, it brings back a lot of memories." Sue Brown nee Dubberley, attended the reunion along with her twin sister Jennifer Tomkins, and a number of other school friends.

The 63-year-old of Hunter's Ride, Stourbridge said: "It is wonderful to come to the reunion and talk about old times. We were so lucky we had such an idyllic, and safe childhood.

"Our lives were totally centred around the street, and we would go out to play, and run down the hills, and just be very happy."

"Edna and I were best friends at school and we went on to senior school together." Mrs Borgsteede added: "Even when I moved away we kept in touch, and when I came back it was just like I hadn't left."

Pat Willetts nee Bradley and Edna Borgsteede nee Kilvert, both aged 73, met at the Dudley Wood School and became life long friends.

The pair who are at the front of the 1953 coronation party photograph have very fond memories of the community they grew up in.

Protected

Mrs Willetts who now lives in Kidderminster said: "I remember at the time when we started school the war had just finished, but we were protected from it."

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Pyjama pounds

CHILDREN from a Kidderminster nursery helped a charity with a pyjama fun day.

Youngsters at the Kidderminster Day Nursery, Chester Road South, have raised £58 so far with more donations to come. The money will go to Momentum Brain Injury Centres.

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NEWS in brief

Garden to open as part of scheme

A GARDEN in Halesowen featuring waterfalls, ponds and a wooded area will be opened to the public.

The garden, at Inglenook, Warland Road is owned by Ron and Anne Kerr and will be opened on May 27 as part of the National Gardens Scheme that is celebrating its 85th anniversary.

The garden will be open from 1pm until 5pm and entry is £3 for adults, with children free.

For more information Visit www.ngs.org.uk.

Shop reclaiming unwanted goods

A NEW shop has opened offering cash for people's unwanted clothes, books and metals.

The Reclamation Centre, Two Woods Lane, Brierley Hill, has been set up by Andrew Jones. He said: "I love going to antique fairs and car boots. With experience in recycling, I've witnessed that one man's trash is another man's treasure many times over."

"My aim was to have a reclamation centre in a customer friendly environment."

Business highly noted in awards

A FIRM in Hagley, near Stourbridge, has been highly commended in property industry awards.

Contact Counts, which was formed in September, was nominated in the best new technology category of the Property Drum Business to Business Awards for its online property tracking system. Ex-police officer Richard Dalton, started the business with his wife Emma.

Memorial golf day brings in £2,500

A MEMORIAL golf day in memory of a Kidderminster man has raised £2,500 for the hospice that looked after him.

Gary Silcock, who died from cancer at Richard's Hospice in Worcester, aged 56.

The event at Ombersley Golf Club was organised by friends Chris Parry and Paul Mason.

Game award win

BLACK Country gaming firm Intouch Games has won industry recognition. The Stourbridge firm has won an award for its mFortune mobile phone casino game.

A helping hand for children

STAFF at a Dudley store have volunteered to help at a school for children with special needs.

More than 20 workers at Makro will make a portable classroom and redevelop the school's allotments at Halesowen School, Halesowen.

Michelle Cox-Coley, family outreach co-ordinator at Halesowen School, said: "Both the portable classroom and the allotments are in a bit of a sorry state and need lots of hours of work."

"By having so many volunteers available, we'll be able to achieve in two days what would otherwise take weeks."

"We are all hugely grateful to all the Makro volunteers for giving their time free. Their efforts will benefit our pupils enormously for years to come."

The staff are volunteering as part of the Team Challenge set up by Dudley Council's Voluntary Service.

Organiser Eileen Fielding said: "Team Challenges have benefits for all concerned."

"Staff members get a chance to experience volunteering, possibly for the first time."

Call 01384 573381 for details about such projects.

Ministerial visit to firm

BOSSES at a Midland sports-car manufacturer hosted a ministerial visit to showcase their latest environmentally-friendly designs.

Westfield Sportscars, of Kingswinford, invited Lord Green, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, to the firm's headquarters in Dudley Road earlier this month.

He was given a tour of the specialist factory which launched the world's first electric racing sportscar last year.

Lord Green viewed the iRacer – an electric race car which is a conversion of the established and conventional Westfield Sport.

Arts recruiting

PEOPLE with a passion for singing and acting are needed to help a drama group stage future shows.

Tipton ARTS is particularly seeking more men to join. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday night at the Mill Theatre, in Mill Bank, Sedgley.

Labour group reveals new council line-up

DUDLEY Council's ruling Labour group has unveiled its new cabinet exactly two weeks after seizing power from the Tories when they received a drubbing at the polls.

A packed viewing gallery watched as the borough's Labour leader Councillor David Sparks was named leader of the authority at a full meeting of Dudley Council last week.

Councillor Shaukat Ali, ward member for St Thomas's, was named deputy leader and will also be cabinet member for regeneration.

The portfolio was previously held by Tory councillor Angus Adams who died suddenly last month at the age of 67.

Councillor Steve Walther was named cabinet member for adult and community services and Councillor Tracy Wood will take on the portfolio for environment and culture.

Health

Councillor Pete Lowe will oversee the finance portfolio in the new line-up and Councillor Zafar Islam is now the cabinet member for health and well-being.

Cabinet member for housing, libraries

and adult learning is Councillor Khurshid Ahmed with Councillor Gaye Partridge taking on human resources, law and governance. Completing the new line-up are Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, and Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transportation and community safety.

The change was made after the Tories suffered serious losses in the local election earlier this month.

Councillor Sparks said: "I am delighted and proud to be leader of Dudley Council. "We are the second largest metropolitan

borough council in the UK and we are developing a vision which reflects the borough's potential. There is a lot of potential in Dudley that can make this borough among the best in the country."

Policy

Former council leader Les Jones will be the Tory group's spokesman on policy and former deputy Tim Wright for regeneration.

The changes follow an election where many Tories nationwide lost their seats to Labour.

Fraudster mother claimed nearly £55,000 in benefits

A benefit cheat from the Black Country pocketed almost £55,000 after lying about living with her partner. Marie O'Mahony claimed income support, council tax benefit and housing benefit on the basis that she was unemployed and living alone.

by Laura Blyth

But after an anonymous tip-off to Sandwell Council, investigators found she had been lying and was living with partner Andrew Afzal said.

"Investigators went to her address and she told them she was living with her children and that the father had nothing to with them."

"A further allegation was received that she was living with her partner."

Answered

"An officer attended her address again and the door was answered by Andrew Hollins who described himself as a good friend but he appeared nervous."

O'Mahony admitted in interview that she had been living with Mr Hollins since 2007. Mr Ben Close, defending, said she was repaying the cash at £20 a week.

O'Mahony admitted six charges of benefit fraud. She was ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work and pay £500 costs.

Black Country bard

A TOURING production of Macbeth is heading to the Black Country Living Museum on June 15.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men will perform the play outdoors in the museum grounds.

Marc Puddle, the group's creative director, said: "The industrial setting of the museum is a unique location for a play." Visitors are welcome to take a picnic. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults, £7.50 for young people and £34.50 for families. Call 0121 520 8054 or visit www.bclm.co.uk.



Pauline Quirke meets Michelle Bird from Wordsley during her book signings

Actress Pauline's quirks in print

TV STAR Pauline Quirke opened her heart about her weight loss battle during a book signing session with fans.

The actress, best known for her roles in Birds of a Feather and Emmerdale, has written a book called Where Have I Gone?

It details her efforts to live a healthily life after ballooning to 20 stone before joining the soap in July 2010. But she has slimmed down losing eight stone.

Her inspirational story proved a hit with fans who queued up to meet the actress at WH Smith at Merry Hill Shopping Centre, in Brierley Hill last week.

"It is great to meet people, they have been absolutely lovely and I'm really pleased so many came down," she said.

Kathleen Bird, aged 66, of Stourbridge, and her daughter Michelle, 37, and four-month-old grand daughter Francesca were first in the queue to meet the actress.

Michelle said: "We are big fans and we have front row tickets to see Birds of a Feather, can't wait."

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IF THE Civil Service can manage without thousands of its employees at their offices during the seven weeks of the London Olympics, then it can probably manage without them altogether.

MEANWHILE, if civil servants are relishing the prospect of working from home, following orders by phone and email, they should remember this. If there is one thing worse than the boss not having his workers in the office, it is the workers having the boss in their own homes.

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IT TOOK less than a year for the 1945-46 Nuremberg trials to hear the evidence against 25 top Nazis, reach its judgments and execute the wickedest. Today we are told that the trial in The Hague of Ratko Mladic, the "Butcher of Bosnia" could take up to three years. More Hague, less speed?

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SOME friends of ours have just been allocated their London Olympics tickets – four seats for the athletics. They are thrilled, and puzzled that I do not share their excitement. It occurs to me that there are only two sorts of people in the world, those who love being in crowds and those who detest it. Discuss.

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ED BALLS is reported to be pressing Labour to make a General Election promise of a referendum on the UK's continued membership of the EU. This is presumably the same Labour Party which promised no university tuition fees.

And let's not forget that the Tories promised no deeper involvement in the EU without a referendum (and then cheerfully signed up to the Lisbon Treaty), and said nothing at all in their manifesto about gay marriage which has suddenly become an article of faith. If politicians did what they promised, they wouldn't be politicians.

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Surge in applications creating college jobs

Up to 30 new teaching jobs are being created by a Black Country college following a 15 per cent surge in course applications in the past 12 months.

The new staff will work at Dudley College, along with its new developments Dudley Sixth and the Dudley Evolve vocational centre. Bosses said they had been inundated with enquiries about the £30 million Learning Quarter development in the town.

Work is already under way to build Dudley Evolve, in Tower Street and a sixth form centre, called Dudley Sixth, in Priory Road.

Around 20 teaching posts will be created, both full and part time, by the college to work with the existing staff at Dudley Evolve.

Hiring

College principal Lowell Williams said they were hiring new staff to cope with the 15 per cent rise in applications for courses starting when Evolve opens.

Mr Williams added: "Young people are seeing the fabulous new facilities being built and are keen to be part of the new Dudley Learning Quarter."

"This is reflected in the increased number of applications and, consequently, our need to recruit."

Henry's a movie marathon man



Henry Darby-Cook settles down to watch 24 hours of films in a movie marathon

FILM buff Henry Darby-Cook is quids in after completing a 24-hour movie marathon at Merry Hill centre, Dudley.

The 19-year-old media student joined dozens to take part in the Movie Mad event at shopping centre in Brierley Hill.

But he set himself the task of watching all the films in an attempt to win a prize of £250.

Top blockbusters, including The Dark Knight and Casino Royale, were being shown alongside family favourites Toy Story 3 and Shrek during the event.

A huge screen had been erected in the centre's Fountain Square for fans to watch the films.

Henry, of Reddike Road, Wednesbury, is planning to study media production at Swansbury University.

"I'm a big film fan, obviously during my media course I have had to watch a lot of the classics like Scarface so this is great," he said. He managed to stay awake for the whole challenge.

Slump is blamed for gym closure

A DUDLEY gym which has been going for 17 years has closed with owners blaming the "current economic climate".

Members arriving at the "ladies only" Miss-Fits in Lower High Street, Stourbridge were upset when they were greeted by a notice on the door saying the gym had shut down.

It comes after another Miss-Fits gym in Kingswinford closed last December.

A notice on the door of the gym said: "It is with much sadness that Miss-Fits Stourbridge has had no choice but to close its doors after almost 17 years. Sadly like many other businesses we find ourselves victims of the current economic climate."

"Thank you for all your loyal support over the last 16 and a half years and for contributing to making the gym a pleasure to both own and work at."

The message added staff "will miss you all and wish you every happiness with your future fitness goals."

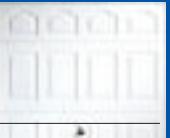
Members have been cancelling their standing orders.

Church service

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Zoo will be cool with the blues

DUDLEY Zoo will stage a rhythm and blues concert next month.

The venue in Castle Hill, Dudley, will play host to Ricky Cool and The Hoola Boys on July 13.

During their career the band have toured with legends, including Jerry Lee Lewis, and regularly play with former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant.

They have also supported Little Richard on a UK tour.

The concert will be held at the zoo's Queen Mary Suite starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced £4.50 for adults and £3 for children. They can be purchased from the zoo's Safari gift shop. The show is taking place as part of the 28th Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival.

Festival organiser Jim Simpson said: "Ricky Cool is one of the great undiscovered talents of the West Midlands and never fails to give a top class act worthy of any international venue."

Dudley Zoo spokesman Jill Hitchman added: "This is the third year the zoo has been part of the festival and we are really excited about welcoming one of the UK's top acts to the Queen Mary Suite."

Church show

Worcester Cathedral's 12th century Chapter House will display a collection called Mapping the Grid by British artist Harriet Mena Hill. The show runs from July 16 to 28.

Traders come to the rescue to save ailing dance group

The future of a long-running children's dance group has been secured after kind-hearted shopkeepers rallied round to provide vital cash to keep it running. Fantasy Dance Group in Stourbridge, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year but it was struggling to keep afloat after funding dried up.

Legal chain shut due to bankruptcy

A CHAIN of solicitors and estate agents has been shut down suddenly after the partners were declared bankrupt.

Stables & Company's premises in Halesowen, Stourbridge and Rowley Regis were closed by legal watchdog The Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Clients have been left in limbo while the company is taken over by the regulators.

The offices in Stourbridge and Halesowen high streets and Halesowen Street, Rowley Regis are deserted, with documents and furniture left inside.

Partners David Moore, Nigel Jordan and Jessica Bird were all declared bankrupt on April 30 and their practising certificates were then suspended by the SRA. They could be banned from practising after the SRA has carried out an investigation.

Lee Shrimpton, spokesman for the SRA, said they had intervened as there was "reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of one of the former employees". He added it was necessary to "protect the interests of clients - or former or potential clients - of the partners or the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust which they are or were trustee".

Only enough cash remained to cover insurance costs for the year with a little more left to stage a few classes. But organiser Sylvia Horton was "absolutely delighted" after local firms stepped in to help.

Bosses at Mr Brown's Greens and the Pedmore Fish Bar, both on the Queensway, agreed to help cover the £30 a week costs for hiring out Hob Green Primary School for the classes.

Staff at the Queensway Pub said they would provide the pop for the weekly meetings again saving money for the group.

Cash for the group is also being provided by John's Butchers and bosses from the Spar store.

Mrs Horton, who launched the dance group while recovering from cancer, said around 50 youngsters attended regularly. Other businesses have also agreed to give money for raffle prizes.

Charities

The dance group also works to raise money for charities in the area.

Mrs Horton said: "We only ask the children to pay £2.20 because the main aim of the group is that it is affordable for families in the area," she said.

"Once you have taken the hiring costs and the refreshments out of it there is not a lot left to go in the kitty. In the past we have been able to rely on grants but due to the economic situation many of these have dried up and we were really up against it."

"The response we have received from the shopkeepers in the area has really choked me up. It means so much to the dance group and we are all very grateful."



Celebrating outside the shops in Pedmore are Alan Brown, Chris Fox, Sam Moore and Sat Singh with, front, Sylvia Horton from the group and Kevin Williams

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NEWS

in brief

Olympic rates at leisure centres

LEISURE centres run by Dudley Council are offering special rates to mark the Olympics.

During May anyone can take out a fitness membership for only £75, with nothing to pay until September 1.

The deal saves up to £54 and membership can be used at Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge, along with Dudley and Halesowen centres.

Anyone taking out the membership will receive a free gym induction. Call 01384 812800 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/sport.

Winning boost to hold a party

A STREET party has been boosted after organisers won £100 of supermarket vouchers for the event.

Margaret Bradley won a street party pack from Co-operative Food for the party she is organising at Overend Methodist Mission, Cradley, on June 5. Mrs Bradley collected her prize, including bunting, party hats, paper plates, paper cups and flags from the manager at Stourbridge's Co-op.

Surgery times

A WORDSLEY councillor has announced details of his monthly surgeries.

Derrick Hemingsley will hold a surgery at Wordsley Library, Wordsley Green, every second Saturday of the month, starting on June 9 from 10am to 11am.

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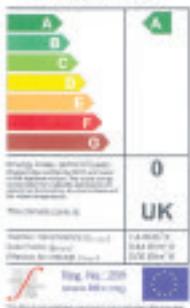
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To Ted it's so much more than just a paper round

As we celebrate Local Newspaper Week we talk to Ted Adams about his weekly Chronicle round

TO MOST people doing a paper round may seem like a normal everyday activity. But for teenager Ted Adams, who three years ago was diagnosed with a brain tumour, it's far more than that.

Now aged 15, Ted underwent two major operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and received proton radiotherapy treatment in America.

The Royal Wolverhampton School pupil has since received three positive brain scans and, as part of his bid to lead as normal a life as possible, took up a paper round delivering The Chronicle last October.

Prayer

Ted is just one of the many delivery boys and girls throughout the region who, whatever the weather, take the news to your door.

Ted gives up two hours of his time to deliver 170 newspapers every Friday, as well as the Wolverhampton Magazine once a month, around Penn Common.

"I hadn't really thought about doing something like this but when the opportunity came up I thought it'd be great," Ted said.

"It makes me feel independent as I make some money from it and it's good to do normal things like this after the problems I had."

Ted is currently sitting his GCSEs and hopes to study catering at Wolverhampton College in September.

Ted's parents, Ashleigh and David, said seeing their son do the paper round meant a lot to them.

"It is every prayer answered that Ted is strong and well and able to do a paper round," Ashleigh said. "It keeps him fit, gives him responsibility, teaches a good work ethic



Off on his round – Ted with his proud mother Ashleigh

and he enjoys earning a bit of money which gives him a sense of independence.

"It's also given him confidence and that's been really important. For us it is far more than just delivering papers – it represents Ted leading a normal teenage life."

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Gina loves her Chronicle fix

SHE is a community person who knows all there is to know about Wolverhampton, but Gina Parker isn't happy unless she's had her weekly Chronicle fix.

The Finchfield resident has been reading the paper for as long as she can remember and said it fitted in with her fervent passion for the city.

Gina, who used to work at Boulton Paul and as a teacher at Sandwell College, is an active community resident who is involved in an over 50s forum and the older people's partnership board.

Information

"I'm very passionate about Wolverhampton – I've lived here all my life and if you chopped my legs off it'd say Wolverhampton all the way through," she said.

"I think the Chronicle represents the city very well. There is so much to learn about in Wolverhampton and there are lots of local activities you don't necessarily get to hear about



Gina enjoys her weekly read

unless you see it in the paper. I see things I might not have seen otherwise. It might only be a small piece but it's enough to give the information that it's out there."

Gina said she looked forward to her Chronicle particularly for the Memory Lane feature.

"I love the Memory Lane page and the thing that's probably most useful is the television timetable," she added. "I value local news very highly, as a lot of people do, and I'd really miss the paper if it wasn't there."

COMPETITION

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Walking to school is far better

I READ with interest the letter of George Morris relating to his perception that the sale of ice cream and soft drinks and the likes, outside school gates might be a contributory factor in the increased incidence of obesity in schoolchildren.

In the dim and distant past when I fell into that category, we too used to partake of the occasional treat of an ice-cream after school, though I have to say most of my school friends and I were as sleek as whippets.

I can't help wondering if this was perhaps the result of the daily walk to and from school. Mr Morris berates the

fact the queues of children at the ice-cream vans positioned at the roadside help to block the footpath to pedestrians, many of whom are pushing prams, push-chairs etc.

I would respectfully suggest the blockage caused by a few children at the ice-cream van is of no import when weighed against the horrendous traffic jams, all too often caused by the mothers, and yes, sometimes even by the fathers who insist on transporting their children a matter of no more than a few hundred yards to the school gates in huge 4x4s, vans, and on a couple of occasions, at a local school, even the odd

lorry or two. Yes, it was much safer to allow children to walk alone to school in my day, but I can't help thinking that the walk to and from school would benefit not only the children but the parents as well.

It is a well-known fact, exercise and diet combined are the two factors that control the relentless onslaught of obesity, and I feel sure, if today's kids made the journey to and from school on foot, their health would improve tremendously, even as their weight tumbled in tandem with it.

B PARSONS,
Coseley

Cameron must wake up to poll drubbing

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE that Cameron has not realised why the Conservatives have done so badly in the local elections.

At the last general election no-one voted for a coalition government, it was not presented as a choice for obvious reasons.

Cameron's decision to throw in his lot with the Liberals means now a Conservative vote is a vote for the coalition.

Therefore, on May 3rd disillusioned Tory voters either did not vote or placed their vote elsewhere.

Dudley's chief councillor, (Conservative) Les Jones did his party no favours by his recent support for the ridiculous high salaries paid to council chiefs.

The message to the arrogant David Cameron is clear. M DEEMING, Kingswinford

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Henry made meeting an interesting one

WHAT an interesting and enjoyable monthly meeting was had by the members and visitors to our last monthly meeting of the pensioners' convention.

Our guest speaker was Henry Carver, the Wolverhampton businessman, who suffered such a great loss not long ago in a fire which destroyed most of his business.

He came across as a very pleasant and courteous man, especially answering questions that members of our convention put to him. He also brought to light for us several issues regarding his business acumen, while opening a door for us to have a sneaky peek into that world of business, quite fascinating really.

When it came to the issue of unemployment in Wolverhampton and the surrounding areas, he certainly gave me the impression it is totally unacceptable, and he, among others are doing their very best to alleviate the problem.

I would like to thank you, Henry Carver, on behalf of all the pensioners at our meeting for taking the time and trouble out from your busy schedule to pay us a visit.

P A JORDAN, Peartree Lane, Coseley.

Council is not blame free over election

MP MARGOT James' comments that the poor local election results for the Tories were all caused by national factors, is only partly true.

She should not delude herself that councillor Les Jones and his colleagues on Dudley Council are blame free.

Les Jones' assertion that council tax rates have been kept steady is true, but his often-repeated statement that services have also been maintained is nonsense.

Just look at the facts. Brierley Hill and Coseley baths shut down, no replacements. Public toilets closed across the borough. Surely the worst maintained roads in the country.

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thechronicle**Restaurant to change**

WORK to transform a Stourbridge restaurant into a Chicago's bar, creating 30 jobs, will get under way in July.

Bosses are investing £500,000 in converting the former Que Pasa premises in the Ryemarke shopping centre.

The new bar is expected to open at the beginning of September, bosses confirmed.

There had been a Chicago Rock Café in the town centre for six years before it closed when parent company 3DE collapsed in March 2010. The premises later became a JD Wetherspoon.

PLANS to develop a community-run theatre and hall at Stourport Civic Centre have taken a major step forward after the town council agreed in principle to the proposals.

Wyre Forest District Council is due to move out of the centre later this year when staff relocate to new headquarters being built on Finepoint Business Park off Stourport Road, Kidderminster.

Stourport Town Council is now looking at taking over the site so it can be used by the whole of the community for activities and events such as live theatre and music. A steering group has been set up

and members are contacting other services in the town to see if they would be interested in being based at the centre.

These include Stourport Library, the Worcestershire coroner, police, Job Centre Plus and Support Guidance Skills.

It is also appealing for local businesses or community groups which may be interested in developing the lower ground floor of the building.

Developing

Plans for the future include developing a youth theatre group, hosting live bands and extending the hire/use of the hall by the local community.

Leader of Stourport Town Council Jim Parish said the council had agreed in principle to the proposals.

"This is a big step forward for Stourport Town Council," he said.

"We will thoroughly examine this proposal and seek professional advice as to whether this is a viable way forward."

Councillor John Holden, chairman of the steering group, added: "This new development could lead to the ownership and creation of a community hub by Stourport Town Council, on behalf of the people of Stourport, to preserve our theatre/hall and provide a hub for community services for future generations to come."

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Change of career brings national caring award

A FORMER hairdresser who was inspired to become a care worker after visiting her grandmother at a care home has won a national award.

Jackie Preen, who works at Ravenhurst Care Home in Stourport, scooped the Care Newcomer gong at a ceremony in London recently, after finishing second in the regional finals of the Great British Care Awards. The 47-year-old mother of three said she was "delighted" to win.

Before starting work at Ravenhurst Care Home 18 months ago, she visited her late grandmother Elsie White there – and decided to pursue the career she had always wanted. She has worked as a mobile hairdresser in Wyre Forest for 30 years. She said: "I had wanted to go into care for a long,

long time but wasn't able to because of commitments with my children.

"I loved the home and decided I wanted to be part of it. I got the job and am part of a wonderful team here and love every minute of it. I love the residents; they give me so much more than I think I ever give them, and they just make everything worthwhile. They are like my second family."

Mrs Preen, of Wilden, Stourport, was nominated for the regional award by the home's manager Anastasia Meredith.

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Wilfred Potts in uniform



Victor, seen as sergeant



Jack Potts who was a corporal

Brothers in arms when the Potts went to war

LAST year's anniversary of Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year of the new century, was a special one for many people who remembered loved ones who had served their country.

Barbara Fellows, of Willenhall, was one of them.

She wore her father's medals with pride as she has done over the last few years as he is no longer with us.

Barbara points out that "during the war families were a lot bigger than now."

"My grandmother had 10 children, eight of which were boys and most of them who were old enough served their country."

"Looking through old records

kept by my father I found an old newspaper cutting and the film Saving Private Ryan came to mind. "My grandmother was widowed when most of the children were quite young and, as I said, most of the boys joined the forces when they were old enough.

"In the newspaper cutting Trooper A (Albert) Potts was my uncle (now deceased); Sergeant V (Victor) Potts was my father and Corporal J (Jack) Potts another uncle, also now deceased.

"Other brothers Wilfred, Joseph and Dennis also served."

"Dennis is the only surviving brother now in his 80s, unfortunately I don't have a photo of him in uniform."

"Imagine how my grandmother must have felt with nearly all her sons in constant danger."

"My father was invalided out of the army after being hit when the tank he was part of the crew of, was attacked."

"I'm sorry the newspaper cutting is a bit dishevelled but it is around 70 years old."

"The pension note shows my dad's injuries and, by the way, he never actually claimed his war pension until 1992, four years before he died in 1996 when he was 75 years old."

"Incidentally, Jack Potts went on to reach the rank of captain and served all over the world taking his wife and children with him."

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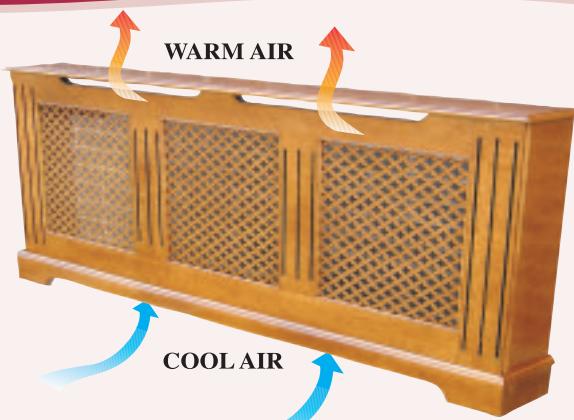
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Takeaway staff talk of terror during armed raid

Dipping into wildlife



STAFF at a takeaway have told of their terror armed thugs forced them to hand over £600 in the latest of a spate of robberies in Kidderminster.

Police believe the robbery at Tasty Land in Comberton Hill, Kidderminster, is linked to two others that have happened in the town in recent weeks.

Assistant Muhammad Hassan Khan, aged 22, and cook Naseer Alam, 26, were working at Tasty Land at around 2.30am on May 12 when the two masked raiders burst in and ordered them to kneel down.

Mr Alam, who was sitting behind the counter, was knocked flying as the robbers flung open the lower door of the service bar and he was also kicked.

Mr Khan, who was on the telephone at the back of the shop, said: "One came towards me with a big blade - I don't exactly know what it was but it was about 2ft long and 3.5in wide. He pulled the phone off the wall and told me to kneel on the ground and not look up. The other man had a stick and we were very scared."

"The one who came at me looked really cruel and I thought if I didn't do as he said he would kill us."

Mr Alam said he was kicked as he knelt on the floor and was then forced to open the till and hand over the night's takings.

Both robbers wore hooded tops and had scarves across their faces.

After grabbing the cash they made off towards the court building in Comberton Place. Anyone with information should call 101, quoting 66-S-120512.

Boost for rail company

THE number of passengers using London Midland rail services has risen by 9,000 in the last year, new figures reveal.

Between January 8 and February 4 this year, 349,000 people boarded the company's trains, which run through Birmingham, the Black Country and South Staffordshire. This was up from 340,000 the same time in 2011, showing a 2.6 per cent increase.

Koby Billingham and Umair Khan try pond dipping at Bumble Hole

WILDLIFE of all sorts, shapes and sizes will be in the spotlight at a Dudley nature reserve during an annual event.

The Wildlife Roadshow at the Bumble Hole reserve, Netherton runs from 10am to 3pm on May 26.

It will feature guided walks, where visitors can find out about plants and the history of the site.

Children can take part in pond dipping and there will be craft activities with a wildlife theme. Representatives from some of the conservation charities that the reserve works with will also be there. Organiser Sue Goodyear said: "It should be a fun, enjoyable day for all." Entry is free. For more information call 01384 814100.

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Rise in hospital parking fees branded immoral

HIGHER parking charges for staff at a Dudley hospital have been blasted as "immoral" by union chiefs who fear workers' pensions could be hit.

Monthly passes at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley will increase by 30 per cent to a maximum of £19.50 on July 1, up from £15. However, bosses say staff could pay a maximum of £12.27 if they sign up to a new payment scheme. Workers are being offered the chance to join a "salary sacrifice" scheme where the charges are taken automatically from their wages.

Chiefs say cash will be saved against tax and national insurance but workers are concerned their pension contributions could be reduced. Union members are in uproar and will meet to discuss what to do next.

Unison regional organiser and local councillor Tracy Wood said: "We feel that increasing staff parking charges to run a hospital is completely immoral."

"I know they are being offered this reduction but many of our members are worried about the effect this will have on their pensions. We are seeking to get a mandate from our members about what to do next."

"They cannot go on strike as it is not allowed in their contracts."

Boss of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Paula Clark said: "The salary sacrifice scheme will possibly affect pension contributions, as the NHS pension scheme does not accept salary sacrifice arrangements for this purpose."

New mayor sworn in



DUDLEY'S new mayor has been sworn in as the borough's first citizen in the time honoured fashion.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram took over the position from Councillor Michael Evans at last week's annual meeting of Dudley Council.

The ward representative for Coseley East said he was proud to be mayor.

He praised his predecessor for the work he had done in trying to boost business in the area during his time as first citizen.

Councillor Mottram, who lives in

Coseley, was first elected in 1995 and served on committees, including development control. I am proud and honoured to be mayor of Dudley. For me it is an opportunity to fly the flag for the borough and champion the unique history and the exciting future we have here."

He will support Dudley Diabetic Association and Dudley Stroke Association.

Councillor Mottram's wife, Michelle is the new mayoree and Councillor Alan Finch, of Castle and Priory ward, the deputy mayor.

Fault closes centre pool

THE SWIMMING pool at a leisure centre in Stourbridge has been temporarily closed.

Bosses say there has been a mechanical fault in the pool at Crystal Leisure Centre in Bell Street.

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Teacher of more than 40 years dies, age 83

A TEACHER whose career spanned more than 40 years has died, aged 83. Terry Aldworth worked at schools in Stourbridge, Cradley and Kinver.

The father, who leaves his wife Lynne and son Colin, taught history, English, mathematics and sport. He was born in January 1929 in the South Wales mining town of Abertillery. After obtaining a teaching certificate at Caerleon College near Newport, his first teaching job was in the Army. In the 1950s he began working at Oldswinford Hospital School before spending 10 years at Edgcliff School in Kinver. Later he worked at the former Cradley High School during the 1980s before retiring from the classroom.

Hairdresser Trevor gets lifetime honour



Trevor Leddington who has a salon in Brierley Hill



Trevor in 1962 in the first shop he opened

AN AWARD-WINNING hairdresser has once again proved a cut above after being honoured with a lifetime achievement accolade.

Trevor Leddington said the award, presented by the National Hairdressers Federation, had come as a bolt out of the blue and had thought it was a joke when he was first told. The 69-year-old, who has now retired and splits his time between Bewdley and Spain, said: "I did not even call them back until the next day I was so sure someone was just having me on."

He was collected the award in a special ceremony at Villa Park, Birmingham, and took along 11 staff now working at Leddington Hairdressing which he launched. Mr Leddington, originally from Tipton, opened his first shop in Brierley Hill High Street in 1961. At the start only he and a junior worked at the hairdressers. The junior later became his wife, Janet.

Before opening the shop he had trained as an apprentice for three years under Doug Smith, of West Bromwich, and had worked in Blackheath and Quinton. And he said becoming a hairdresser was something he had planned to do from a relatively early age.

The hairdressers moved across the street in 1968 where it remains.

Museum holding its own Jubilee party

THE BLACK Country Living Museum will be decked out in red, white and blue for a traditional Jubilee street party.

The museum is hosting its own street party celebration to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on June 5.

Union flags and bunting will decorate the museum's own version of party at the palace during the afternoon. The street party starts at midday with party food and street performers captivating the crowds with circus skills and balloon animal making.

There will also be patriotic tunes and entertainment including face painting. All visitors can join in the party atmosphere, however there is an optional pre-purchase ticket to sit down and take part in the street party food.

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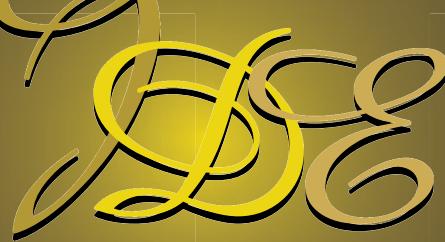
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Anger as council chops trees from leafy street

RESIDENTS in a quiet Stourbridge road are furious after trees which were more than 50 years old were chopped down without warning by Dudley council.

The four cherry blossom trees in Stevens Road disappeared suddenly – and there are plans to get rid of another three. Dudley Council says the trees have been removed because the roots have caused minor damage to the paving stones. But residents argue the street scene has now been ruined as the trees are part of the area's history.

They are collecting a petition and say the authority should give residents the opportunity to air their views before trees are felled.

Richard Williams, aged 62, of Stevens Road, said: "I just happened to look out of the window and I saw the workers arriving.

"I presumed they were going on to someone's property so I couldn't believe it when they started on the trees in the street.

"Imagine our horror when we found the council was cutting them down without any warning and no formal notification to the residents. Imagine the outcry if the trees had been destroyed by vandals."

John Millar, director of the urban environment, said: "This work follows complaints about the root damage late last year coupled with the results of our latest highway inspection.

"This inspection highlighted a need to address the damage to the highway while maintaining the tree stock as far as possible. Unfortunately seven locations have been identified where it is not possible to repair the surface without removal of the trees."

Spray painting booth fire

FIRE CREWS battled a blaze at a spray painting booth amid fears gas canisters could explode and the roof could collapse.

Crews spent three hours tackling the flames at Guest Motor Body Repairs, Himley Road, Dudley after a heater caught fire. The flames spread through the building at about midday last Wednesday and at its peak 17 firefighters were at the scene.



Richard Williams and Lesley Higgit, crouching, and fellow residents from Stevens Road, Stourbridge who are angry that trees have been cut down



Stevens Road lined by trees but some have been chopped without warning

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Woman is hit by fencing ripped off by high winds

Oak-lympic reminder



Owen Andrews, aged 11, and Mayor Michael Evans plant an oak tree at Dawley Brook Primary watched by teachers, officials, guests and other pupils

CHILDREN dug deep to mark the countdown to the London Olympics by planting an oak tree in honour of the games' forefathers.

An English Oak will take pride of place in the grounds of Dawley Brook Primary School, Kingswinford, following the ceremony attended by pupils, staff and dignitaries.

Dawley Brook was chosen in its

dual role as an Olympic legacy school and also for its eco-school status.

Head Angela Allen said the special project marked a lasting milestone in the school's history.

The project is to honour Baron Pierre de Coubertin, acknowledged as the father of the Modern Olympics, who famously planted an oak in Much Wenlock in 1890.

A WOMAN suffered serious head injuries when she was hit by metal fencing which came loose in high winds.

The woman, aged 54, had been standing by a stop at the bus station next to the Tesco car park in Kidderminster when the fencing panel, measuring about 6ft by 7ft, came loose.

It came from the construction site at the historic Piano Building – formerly a Brintons carpet warehouse – which is being converted into an education academy, last week.

West Mercia Police spokesman Dylan Evans said passers-by helped pull the metal off the woman, from Kidderminster, so paramedics were able to treat her.

The air ambulance from Cosford was called and the woman, who has not been identified, was airlifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, in Birmingham, where her condition was "comfortable".

The air ambulance landed in the centre of the bus station.

Police have taken statements from witnesses and handed the matter over to the Health and Safety Executive.

Stourport firm Thomas Vale Construction, which is carrying out the £6.1 million refurbishment of the Piano Building for Kidderminster College and Birmingham Metropolitan College, blamed the high winds.

Simon Millward, the company's group health and safety manager, said: "Due to adverse weather conditions, we understand a section of fencing collapsed which caused some injuries to a member of the public on the perimeter of the site. We will be working with all parties to determine the root-cause. We wish the lady in question, a speedy recovery."

Centre's miles challenge

A CHARITY wants residents to help them clock up the miles for a year-long challenge.

Staff from the Beacon Centre of the Blind, in Sedgley, have set up the challenge for fundraisers to travel a total of 2,012 miles before the end of next April to raise £20,012.

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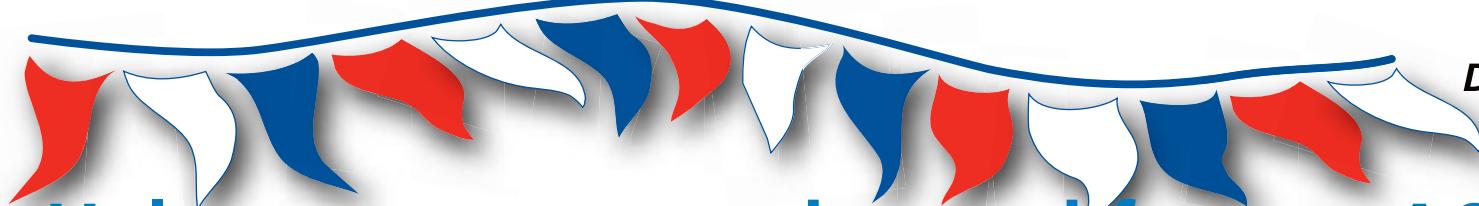
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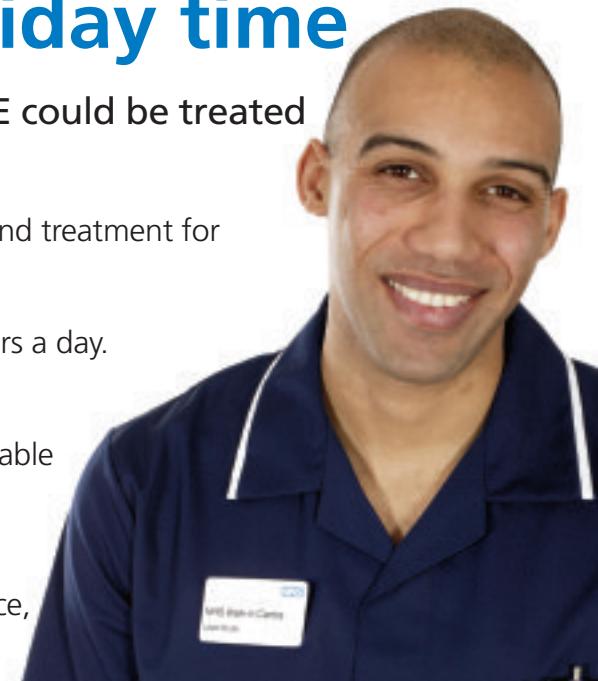
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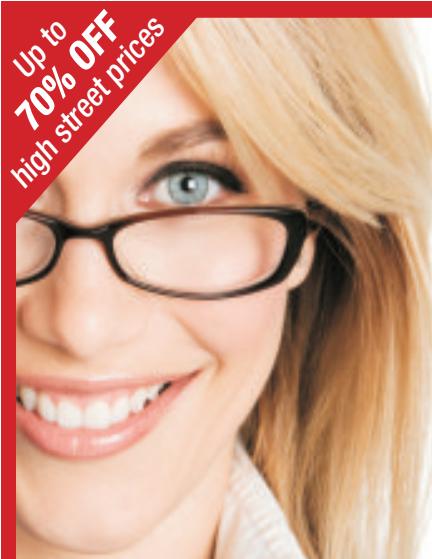


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Passengers call for work on 'disgraceful' station

PASSENGERS have called for urgent work to be carried out at Kidderminster railway station, claiming it is a "disgrace" and an "embarrassment" to the town.

A £3.5 million revamp scheme for the station was derailed for a second time last year after a bid for funds was rejected.

And although transport bosses, at a public meeting last week, admitted there was little chance the plans would be revived, travellers called for improvements. They said the station needed more toilets and the road bridge needed fixing.

The Stourbridge Line Users Group heard work was being carried out to extend the platforms and improve signalling.

But Ann Stephenson, of Farfield, Kidderminster, said some funding needed to be secured to improve the station for visitors heading to tourist sites such as the Severn Valley Railway and West Midland Safari Park.

The station has one cubicle, and passengers who want to use it must collect the key from the ticket booth.

Mrs Stephenson said: "To have disabled people, mother and babies, men and women all using one toilet is ridiculous for a town the size of Kidderminster."

"We should be pushing for a refurbishment of the station because it is a disgrace."

Worcestershire County Council and London Midland jointly applied for the cash from the Regional Growth Fund.

Mark Lawton, retail manager for London Midland, told the meeting that he would look at the possibility of new toilets.

Call for more fostering

AN APPEAL has been launched for foster carers in Dudley.

Fostering teams will be touring the borough speaking to people interested in becoming carers.

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Trees to her majesty



Ebony Salmon, 11, and Abigail Slater, 10, front, at the tree planting

SCHOOLCHILDREN have joined a community group to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by planting two new trees. The ceremony was part of an annual spring fair hosted by Wall Heath Community Association at its base in Envile Road. Ten children from nearby Maidensbridge Primary School and Church of the Ascension Primary School attended along with teachers for the event.

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Patriotic quilt proves popular



Linda Thornton, of Stourbridge, who has made a Land of Hope and Glory quilt

A UNION Flag quilt created by a Midland grandmother has proved a surprise hit with sewing fans across the globe.

Linda Thornton, of Stourbridge, has sold the pattern to fellow quilters in the UK and requests have come from as far afield as the USA and Japan.

Mrs Thornton, aged 59, was first asked to make the quilt by her 38-year-old son Mick to use on his regular camping trips.

She expected a Union Flag pattern to be readily available in shops but was unable to find one. Undeterred, Mrs Thornton

decided to make a pattern of her own sewing the quilt together over a period of around two months.

"My friends saw the quilt and wanted to make one of their own so I made the pattern available and it has really all sprung from there," she said. "I decided to sell the pattern, called Land of Hope and Glory, and it has been really successful."

The pattern is being sold on ebay and more details are available at www.newwood-farm.co.uk

Respected surveyor Timothy dies, age 70

A HIGHLY-RESPECTED Wyre Forest chartered surveyor and auctioneer has died. Tim Elliott was 70.

With more than 50 years experience, Mr Elliott handled the sales of thousands of homes for local people. He was senior partner of Phipps & Pritchard estate agents of Kidderminster, Stourport and Bridgnorth until it merged with McCartneys in January.

He then became senior consultant. He was also a regular at auctions in the Kidderminster area. Mr Elliott died at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, on May 8 after a long illness.

An old boy of Bromsgrove School, he served articles with Luce & Silvers, the auctioneers and estate agents of Bromsgrove, and joined Phipps & Pritchard in 1962.

He became a partner in 1967 and completed his 50 years service in February, having been appointed senior partner in 1990.

A keen sportsman, Mr Elliott was a former captain, chairman and president of Hagley Cricket Club and a recent captain and committee member of Kidderminster Round Table and 41 Club of which he had been past chairman and president. Mr Elliott, who lived in Ombersley, near Worcester, leaves a widow, Teresa. The funeral will be at 10.45am on May 29 at St Andrew's Church, Ombersley.

Volunteer globetrots for charity

A VOLUNTEER from Kingswinford is travelling the globe after winning a four-month work placement with her favourite charity.

Sundeep Kaur has been working as a project leader for Unite Sikhs and has already visited Africa and India.

The 26-year-old said she was "loving" working for the charity which has also given her the opportunity to visit 10 Downing Street for a reception with Prime Minister David Cameron.

She said: "I feel blessed to have been given this opportunity to be able to work with United Sikhs. The charity has truly made a difference to people's lives not only in the UK but across the world."

Mayor making plea to support animal charity

THE MAYOR of Dudley has urged the community to get behind an animal charity when he visited its shop.

Councillor Michael Evans dropped in at the Stourbridge outlet of Cats Protection in Lower High Street to meet volunteers as part of the national Choose Charity Shops campaign.

He said: "I'd urge local people to donate unwanted items or clean second hand goods to the shop as part of the campaign. "The Cats Protection branch provides an essential adoption service for unwanted cats and donating items will help them to continue and hopefully expand their vital cat welfare work."

Rob Hall, branch co-ordinator, said: "We are very grateful to the mayor and his consort for visiting us to appeal for, and receive, donations of items."

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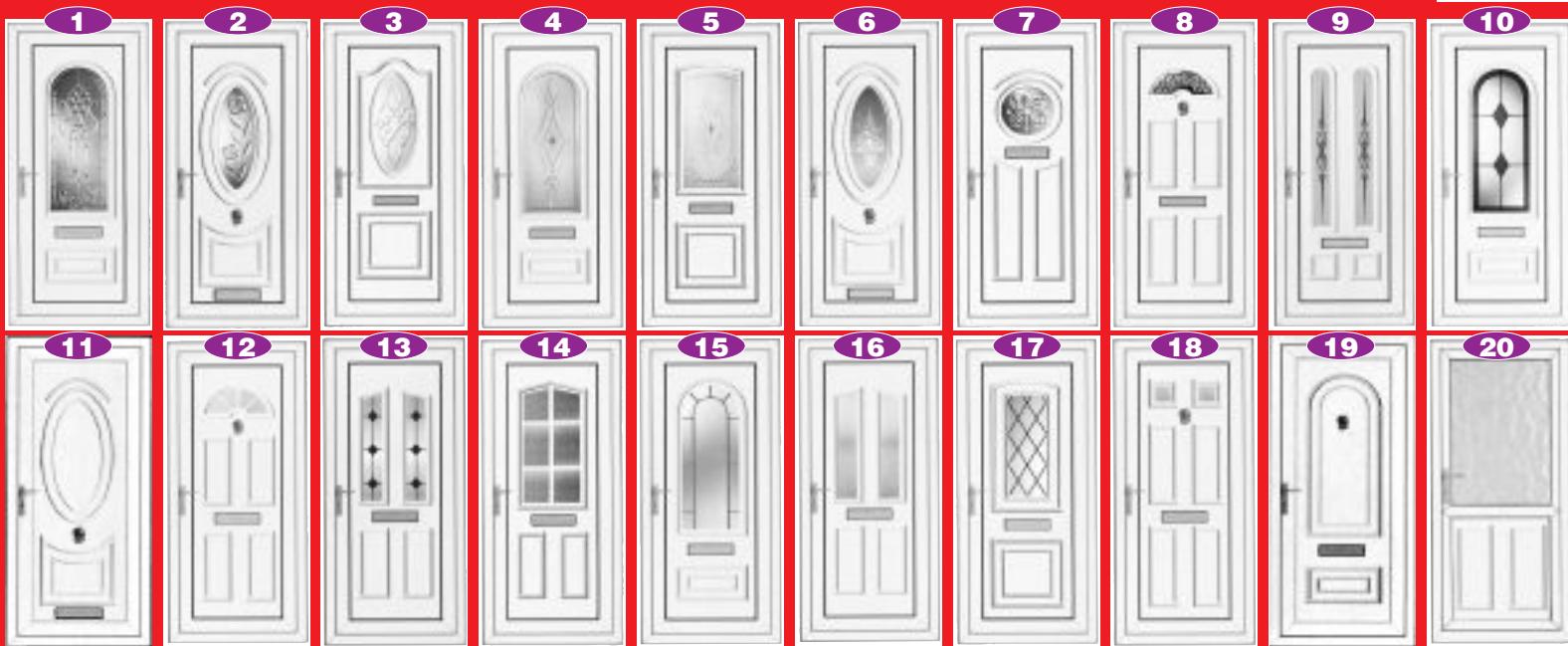
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Motorbike tragedy father will never see new baby

Ceri will bear the torch



Torchbearer Ceri Davies, centre, with staff at O2, Merry Hill, including Sam Britton, John Baran and Chelsey Hopkins and mascots Mintie and Melanie. AN INSPIRATIONAL Kingswinford campaigner, who will be one of the torchbearers for this year's Olympic Games, has raised £1,000 for a good cause.

Ceri Davies, aged 22, from the Crestwood estate, was at the O2 mobile phone store Merry Hill shopping centre collecting for More Mascots Please, which supports terminally and seriously ill children.

Ceri, who was born with spina

A MOTORCYCLIST whose girlfriend is expecting their baby was killed in a crash - just hours before he was due to hand the bike to a new owner.

Tom Edwards, aged 23, died at the scene of the crash on the A451 Great Witley to Dunley road, near Stourport, as he rode his black Yamaha motorcycle from work.

Mr Edwards, who already has a three-year-old son, Charlie, had arranged to sell the bike to someone who was due to pick it up that night.

Mr Edwards, who had previously worked as a chef, was travelling back from S Fox, a slabbing company at Great Witley, to his home in Lorne Street, Stourport, when he crashed with a Land Rover Discovery travelling in the opposite direction.

He and his girlfriend, 21-year-old Danielle O'Connor, of Croydon, had already chosen the name for their baby - Summer.

Mr Edwards' father, Matthew, aged 50, a warehouse manager, said: "It is ironic that he had sold his bike to get a car instead because his partner is expecting their child."

Danielle said: "Tom was amazing - he was like nobody I'd ever met before, the life and soul of the party."

Police are still appealing for witnesses to call 0300 3333000, quoting 491S 110512.

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A RECENT speaker told of the work of Walsall Health Care that meets in Portland Street, Walsall. Some members found it very helpful.

At the April meeting, John Austin gave an amusing account of a scout party visiting Italy in the 1960s.

The journey was beset with incidents and actual time in Italy was short, but the adventure was much enjoyed by them all.

Discussions on the forthcoming conference in Doncaster took place. Pat Stringer will represent the guild. June Holmes has been asked to represent Wednesfield. Doreen Shaw is also attending, as well as Carol Venables, who is on the standing orders committee and Edna Marshall on the national executive committee. Names have been taken for the outing on May 30 to Sugnall Hall walled garden.

The branch celebrated its 110th birthday on May 2. A cake, given by Midcounties Co-operative Society, was presented by Dal Kai-Rae and Rachel Lockett. It was decorated with the Women's Guild emblems. Flowers from the guild garden covered the top as well as a peace poppy. The cake was cut by Doreen and Edna.

Members heard about the branch's history and the party had a Jubilee theme.



Award-winning butcher Allan Bennett was guest speaker at the last meeting

TRY SULL & SEISDON WI

IT WAS congratulations all round at the May meeting. Linda Jackson and Pauline Careless came first and third in the floral art competition at the Spring Event Day at Stafford.

The winner of the rose bowl competition for the last 12 months was Doreen Walker, and Beryl Dunning has had a photograph accepted for the 2013 WI Calendar. Well done to everyone.

Speaker for the evening was another winner – Allan Bennett, a local butcher. He began by working for Gills and has been a member of the Guild of Q Butchers for 25 years. Allan has won numerous prizes for his specialty sausages, and travels the country judging competitions as well as taking part.

His shop in Codsall sells 22 varieties of sausage and they make 800 to 1000lbs a week.

Allan gave a sausage-making demonstration. He uses prime meat from local farmers mixed with rusk, water and his own secret seasoning. He then deftly turned out perfect links of sausage, making it look very easy. The ladies were then treated to a taste of some he had cooked earlier.

The competition for an ornamental pig was won by Sue Cotterell. Next month's competition is a strawberry decorated item.

At the meeting on June 14, Sue Clegg will be talking about the world of dabs (fingerprints).

Entertaining talk on corsets

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps was pleased by the good attendance at the May meeting, despite the bad weather.

A warm welcome was given to speaker Rod Quilter, whose talk on the history of the corset was very entertaining.

Kath Turner gave a vote of thanks.

Pam Ingman read the April

minutes and Sheila Evans gave the financial report. The coach trip to Stratford is to go ahead. Deposits and choice of meal from The Whittington Inn menu were also taken.

The lunch at Val's home has

been re-arranged for June 26. The sales table will be suspended until September.

Mary Connop, Mary Dutton, Margaret Jones and Joan Powell won the raffle.

At the June 7 meeting at the British Legion club, cake and wine will be provided out of club funds. Shirley Ireland Jones will give a talk entitled "Beyond the Stars".

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Brave fighter Hollie, 11, to wear her first sandals

Bev can make a racket



National over-70s racketball champion and rock guitarist Bev Pegg

GRANDFATHER Bev Pegg is in swinging good form after becoming national over-70s racketball champion.

"I had my racket restrung just before the tournament, which must have helped," said the ex-Black Country company boss, who turned 70 in October.

Bev, who has five grandchildren and lives with his wife, Sheena, in Woodchester, Hagley, took up racket-

A "BRAVE little fighter" who battled through the devastating effects of meningitis will soon be able to wear sandals for the first time when she gets a new pair of feet.

Hollie Lingard, aged 11, was just 18 months old when she developed septicaemia or blood poisoning, leaving her in a coma for six days. The meningococcal strain of the disease led to her toes and fingers having to be amputated, which left the Kidderminster youngster with a daily reminder of her fight for life.

Her mother, Teresa Lingard, who lives off Sion Hill, Kidderminster, said: "It was touch and go and we were given a five per cent chance of Hollie surviving."

"Over the years Hollie has been so strong and determined. She has been called back for 29 operations and finally she is set to have prosthetic feet in about six weeks' time."

"She will be able to wear sandals for the first time in her life and then she probably won't need to go back to hospital until she is 16 or 17, which is wonderful."

Local shopkeepers Ash and Indra Sharma, who run the Broadwaters Wine Cellar shop in Stourbridge Road, were so touched by Hollie's plight they have been collecting for Meningitis UK's "Search 4 a Vaccine" campaign. They have raised £2,000. Mr Sharma said: "I have seen Hollie's parents in the shop and the family are such an inspiration."

Teresa, aged 38, who describes Hollie as a "little fighter", said she now wanted to encourage people to know the symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia.

School party for Jubilee

A SCHOOL in the Midlands will hold a lunch party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The event at St Anne's Primary School in Wyre Hill, Bewdley on June 1 at 12.30pm will feature a picnic, singing and dancing.

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FRIDAY

An early Breakfast before we journey through Germany and into Belgium, where we normally spend our last evening in the historic City of Leuven.

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SATURDAY

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Eurovision Song Contest 2012

BBC1, 8pm

Graham Norton commentates on the 57th edition of the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan – the first time the former Soviet republic has hosted the competition. Engelbert Humperdinck is bidding to add another achievement to his glittering career by becoming the first UK winner since 1997 with his ballad Love Will Set You Free, and will be the first of tonight's 26 finalists to take the stage. However, he is likely to face strong competition from Italy's Nina Zilli, whose jazzy pop tune L'Amore E Femmina has been heavily tipped by both pundits and bookmakers.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying. The battle for pole position in Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.15 Live Golf: The PGA Championship Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth. 4.50 Pointless Celebrities. 5.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 My Family. The Harpers attend a couple's retreat in a bid to improve their marriage. (R) 6.30 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final. The last eight singers perform individually and with their coaches ahead of next week's final – and with only four places up for grabs, the competition will be tougher than ever. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.15pm.

7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. John Partridge reveals the all-important winning numbers. 8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2012. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan, as Engelbert Humperdinck tries to become the first UK winner since 1997. 11.15 BBC News; Weather. 11.35 FILM: The Girl Next Door. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Emile Hirsch.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.05 Film: A Double Life. (1947) Theatrical drama, starring Ronald Colman. 1.45 Film: William Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. 3.50 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.50 Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth. 4.50 Pointless Celebrities. 5.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Flog It! The team visits St Albans, Hertfordshire.

6.45 Dad's Army. The platoon mans the local lighthouse. (R) 7.15 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. Alan Titchmarsh, Nicki Chapman and Chris Beardshaw discover which of the show gardens has been voted the winner of the RHS People's Award. Last in the series.

8.15 Arts Troubleshooter. The first of two documentaries exploring the work of arts expert Michael Lynch at organisations whose futures are under threat, beginning with Northern Ballet.

9.15 A Picture of London. Eyewitness accounts and visual records charting the city's history.

10.15 Dara O Briain: This Is the Show. The comedian performs at Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

11.15 TOTP2 Goes Eurovision. Hits from the contest. (R)

12.15 Film: Brooklyn Rules. (2007) Drama, starring Freddie Prinze Jr. 1.45 Film: El Bano del Papa. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, with Cesar Troncoso. 3.20 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Saturday Cookbook. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Real Housewives of New York City. 12.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.15 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 1.40 ITV News; Weather. 1.45 Film: Agatha Christie's Dead Man's Folly. (1986) Murder mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. 3.30 Film: Goldfinger. (1964) Adventure, starring Sean Connery. 5.35 Regional News; Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Full Throttle. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, featuring thrill-seekers, show-offs and painful-looking accidents.

7.00 Live International Football. Norway v England (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of this evening's friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson takes control of England for the first time.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 International Football. Norway v England. Highlights of the friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson took control of England for the first time since being appointed manager.

10.40 FILM: The Matrix. (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves.

10.5 The Store; ITV News Headlines. 3.10 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 British GT. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Rita Ora: Intro. (R) 9.10 T4: Snow White and the Huntsman. T4 Movie Special. 9.45 T4: Made in Chelsea. 10.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 12.00 Paralympic World Cup Live. Coverage of the wheelchair basketball finals. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood, York and the Curragh. 3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and Sam's quest to destroy the ring brings more peril when they come face to face with its former owner.

Part two of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin.

10.00 FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand. (2006) The mutant heroes battle old ally Jean Grey, returned from the dead as the destructive and seemingly unstoppable Phoenix. The third instalment of the superhero saga, starring Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen.

12.00 4thought.tv. 12.10 Paralympic World Cup Highlights. Action from the Manchester Regional Arena. 1.15 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 2.00 FILM: The Educators. (2004) Drama, starring Daniel Brühl and Stipe Erceg. 4.05 Smallville. (R) 4.45 St Elsewhere. Morrison attends a drug rehab programme. (R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.20 The Gadget Show; World Tour. (R) 11.20 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.20 New Emergency Bikers. (R) 1.20 FILM: Tall Man Riding. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. 3.00 FILM: Man from God's Country. (1958) Western, starring George Montgomery. 4.30 FILM: The Unforgiven. (1960) Western, starring Burt Lancaster.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second day of the Second Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, where the three-match series continued.

8.00 NCIS. A Marine dies while trying to save the life of the Belgravian defence secretary, and the team is asked to protect the politician's daughter while she studies in America. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Mac is seriously wounded in a shooting. Last in the series.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.

10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Munch investigates the rape and beating of a mute girl.

11.50 Forensic Files. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 Great Artists. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) 5.00 Hanas' Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 3.45 All Star Family Fortunes 4.45 Film: Free Willy (1993). 7.00 Film: Happy Feet (2006). Animated adventure, with the voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Including FYI Daily. 9.00 Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003). The third instalment in the comedy series, with Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Eugene Levy. 11.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments

ITV3 2.45 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles. 4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Film: Steptoe and Son Again (1973)

ITV4 2.45 Film: Stargate (1994). 5.10 Euro 2012 Preview Show 5.45 Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978). 8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Blazing Saddles (1974). 11.00 Premiership Rugby Union

BBC THREE 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.50 Euros' Most Shocking Moments 11.20 Family Guy

BBC FOUR 7.00 Talk at the BBC 8.00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa 9.00 Sebastian Bergman 10.30 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.10 Sex and the Sitcom

E4 3.00 Made in Chelsea 4.05 Charlie's Angels 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Rules of Engagement 8.30 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory

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ITV1, 6pm

Dermot O'Leary presents the big game in aid of Unicef, which sees footballing heroes team up with celebrities for an England v Rest of the World match live from Old Trafford (Kick-off 8.00pm). Robbie Williams captains the England team, managed by Harry Redknapp, and featuring former professionals David Seaman, Teddy Sheringham and Martin Keown, plus stars Jason Isaacs, Mark Owen, Marvin Humes and Aston Merrygold. Kenny Dalglish manages the opposing team, who will be looking for another win following the tense penalty shoot-out that ended in their victory two years ago.

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Mar Show. **10.00** Live Pentecost Praise from Brighton. A service from Church of Christ the King, Brighton. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix. The sixth round of the season from Monte Carlo. (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Chelsea Flower Show 2012. **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison explores the River Humber.

7.15 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final Results. Including performances by Kylie Minogue and Cheryl Cole.

8.00 British Academy Television Awards. Dara O Briain hosts the ceremony in which Rolf Harris will receive the Bafta Fellowship and shows including This Is England '88, Spooks and Misfits battle for recognition.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 I've Got a Bit More News for You. William Shatner hosts, with guests Andy Hamilton and Charlie Brooker.

11.10 Room 101: Extra Storage. With Ross Noble, Jannina and Germaine Greer. (R)

11.50 The Football League Show.

12.40 Weatherfile. 12.45 Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Fakir Britain. (R) **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** Great British Menu. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Film: As You Like It. (2006) Shakespearean comedy, starring Bryce Dallas Howard. **2.00** Flug! It! (R) **2.30** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the fourth day's play from Wentworth.

6.00 Rowing. Highlights of the second World Cup meeting of the season, which took place in Lucerne, Switzerland.

7.00 Singapore 1942: End of Empire. Part one of two. Why the fall of Singapore to Japanese forces in February 1942 proved to be a key moment in its history, as well as the rest of Asia and the British Empire.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon finds out about bloodshed in Sri Lanka, then moves on to Bangladesh, where he hears about one of the Indian Ocean's fastest-growing industries, providing prawns for the West.

9.00 Coast. Exploring the history of Britain's harbours, visiting Newlyn, Barrow-in-Furness, Portsmouth, Birkenhead and Scarborough.

10.00 FILM: The Road. (2009) Premiere. Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen.

11.40 Episodes. (R)

12.10 Grandma's House. (R) **12.40** Film: Tadpole. (2003) Drama, starring Aaron Stanford. **1.50** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.40** Murder She Wrote. (R) **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. The opening day of the second Grand Slam event of the year. **5.30** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Soccer Aid 2012. Robbie Williams and Michael Sheen captain the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.20 Smugglers Special. Documentary following detectives from the City of London Police as they track and arrest a gang smuggling counterfeit trainers worth millions of pounds into Britain. Narrated by Samuel West. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Harlequins v Leicester Tigers. Highlights of the showpiece match at Twickenham, where this season's champions were confirmed.

Presented by Craig Doyle and Martin Bayfield.

12.15 The Store. Home shopping: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** Motorsport UK. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Volcano. (1997) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Film: St Trinian's. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". A profile of the Paralympic javelin world champion, following him on a journey through London to Trafalgar Square. (R)

8.00 Come Dine with Me Jubilee Special. Actress Cheryl Ferguson, entertainer Lionel Blair, ex-Atomic Star Kerry Katona and ventriloquist Keith Harris take part in a Jubilee-themed edition of the show.

9.00 FILM: The Lovely Bones. (2009) A teenage girl murdered by a neighbour watches over both her family and her killer from the afterlife. Peter Jackson's fantasy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan and Rachel Weisz.

11.35 FILM: A History of Violence. (2005) David Cronenberg's thriller, with Viggo Mortensen.

12.20 Camelot. (R) **2.15** Journey Through the Night. (R) **2.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.55** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Funky Valley. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottles. Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.20** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.20** Film: Patch Adams. (1998) Comedy drama, with Robin Williams. **2.35** Film: Pooh's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin. (1997) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **4.05** Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulce and Demi Moore. **5.55** Elizabeth II: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5.
8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters. Celebration of small-screen comedy creations.

11.50 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. (R)

12.20 The Walking Dead. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
4.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments. **5.00** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **7.00** Film: About a Boy (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. **9.00** Benidorm. The Oracle's tall tales land him in trouble with the police. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.45** The Exclusives. **11.45** Film: Die Another Day (2002)

ITV3

3.55 Rosemary & Thyme **5.30** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage from Roland Garros. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. An elderly villager is found drowned. **10.00** Wycliffe. **11.05** Cracker

ITV4

2.45 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Coverage of the final at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Cups with Camera. **10.00** Soccer Aid: Extra Time. **11.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976)

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Highlights. **7.50** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **8.00** Family Guy. **9.45** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC FOUR

7.00 Natural World. **8.00** Cobra. Ferrari Wars. **9.00** Imagine: Vidal Sassoon – A Cut Above. **10.10** Well Take Manhattan. **11.40** Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

E4

3.35 Ugly Betty. **4.30** Glee. **5.25** 90210. **6.20** The Big Bang Theory. **7.20** Film: California Man (1992) **9.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23

FILM4

3.05 Carry On Behind (1975) **4.55** Bee Season (2005) **7.05** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **8.50** Snow White and the Huntsman. Interview Special. **9.00** Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Freshly Squeezed. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.35 SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 1.05 Film: Hills of Home. (1948) Family drama, with Edmund Gwenn. 3.05 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreams. 4.15 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thout.tv. 8.00 Secret Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 The Killing. 11.55 Random Acts. 11.00 2 Broke Girls. 11.30 Desperate Housewives. 12.30 Music on 4: Subculture. 12.50 Music on 4: Music on 4 Favourites: Paloma Faith. 1.25 Music on 4: Rumours Live at Rivoli Ballroom. 4.00 Monday Night. 4.30 Specialities. 1.50 Music on 4: Karina Francis: Intro. 2.05 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. 2.20 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) 2.35 Film: Little Fish. (2005) Drama, starring Cate Blanchett. 4.20 Drifting. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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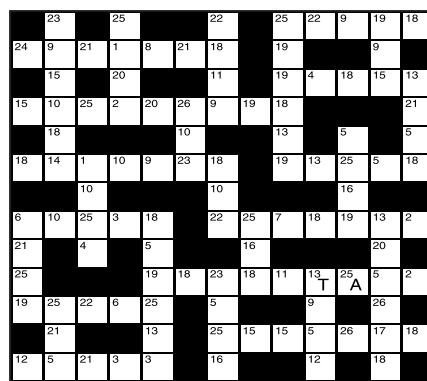
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No.170

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

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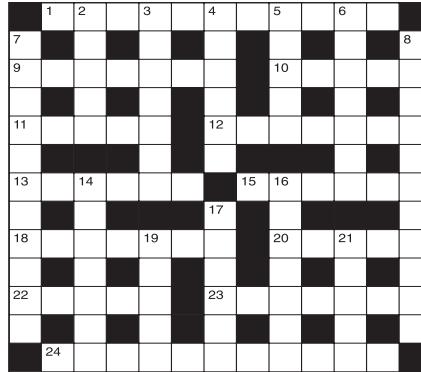
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Time may be on its side (6,5)
- Pays a quick visit and watches TV (5,2)
- Some back well utilised material (5)
- Inlay having three points in it (5)
- Regulated as instructed (7)
- Tree as old as the Ark! (6)
- Weighty lemons, perhaps (6)
- Expert on board (7)
- Changing a flat could be ruinous (5)
- A planet or a dog-star! (5)
- Paid no attention to negroid developments (7)
- Farewell photograph may be the last word in defiance! (7,4)
- Trunk roots disturbed (5)

Down

- Eye-catching gadgets (5)
- It may be worn as a favour (7)
- Had a backseat driver (6)
- Chosen from the depot (5)
- Increase the confusion of the general (7)
- What parachutists take from aircraft? (6,5)
- Commanding individual with an important role to play (7,4)
- Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
- Possibly send off insults (7)
- The French take charge in injury (6)
- Craft about to capsize (1-4)
- Trunk roots disturbed (5)



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Comrades; 5 Etch; 9 Nets; 10 Spectres; 11 Lotto; 12 Eyeball; 13 As far as it goes; 18 Londoner; 19 Moor; 20 Go after; 21 Plain; 22 Site; 23 Steering. Down: 2 Onorous; 3 Rosetta; 4 Express regret; 6 Tornado; 7 Hustles; 8 Accent; 13 Alleges; 14 Fondant; 15 Roasts; 16 Gambler; 17 Erosion. QUICK - Across: 1 Astonish; 5 Sped; 9 Port; 10 Stocking; 11 Agree; 12 Nurture; 13 Spell the beans; 18 Classify; 19 Iota; 20 Edition; 21 Limbs; 22 Seek; 23 Reddened. Down: 2 Stopgap; 3 Oatmeal; 4 Sit on the fence; 6 Primula; 7 Daggers; 8 Scarab; 13 Success; 14 Imagine; 15 Lassie; 16 Edifice; 17 Notable.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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Accommodation briefly comprises a reception porch, reception hallway, lounge, family room/dining room, breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, utility room, downstairs WC, master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, rear garden and panoramic views to the front of the property.

Inset

On the ground floor the lounge, 16ft 5in by 11ft 9in, has an attractive fireplace with inset living flame gas fire and door to the family room/dining room – 18ft 2in by 13ft – with a French door to the rear garden and a range of fitted cupboards.

The breakfast kitchen, 15ft 4in by 7ft 9in,

has a range of units with a one and a half bowl stainless steel sink unit with mixer tap, rounded edge work surfaces, wall cupboards, display cupboards, a range of integrated appliances including double oven, hob, extractor hood and dishwasher and space for additional domestic appliances.

There is a utility room with space for domestic appliances and a downstairs WC with low flush toilet and wash hand basin.

On the first floor the master bedroom has an en-suite with shower cubicle, low flush WC and wash hand basin set in vanity unit, and there are three more bedrooms and a bathroom with suite comprising a panelled corner bath, separate shower cubicle, low flush WC and wash hand basin in vanity unit.

Outside the property sits on a corner plot and is approached by a block paved driveway to a garage with a door to the main house, and a pleasant rear garden.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, contact the estate agent – Roden Boydell – on 01902 881188.

Alternatively, visit the website at www.rodenboydell.com

Mid-terrace in a cul-de-sac



The modern breakfast kitchen at the two/three-bed home in Merton Close

A TWO/THREE bedroom mid terrace town house in a cul-de-sac location in Merton Close, Oldbury, is for sale priced at £118,000.

Within the catchment area of Moat Farm School, the property briefly comprises of entrance hallway, guest WC, lounge, fitted kitchen and garage with driveway, central heating, double glazing and rear garden.

On the ground floor is a study/bedroom three with patio doors to the rear garden and guest WC, and on the first floor a kitchen – 12ft 9in by 12ft – and fitted with matching wall and base units, one-and-a-half bowl stainless steel sink drainer unit, roll top work surfaces, four ring electric hob with cooker hood above, integrated electric oven and plumbing for washing machine.

There is also a lounge measuring 18ft 6in by 11ft 1in, while on the second floor are two bedrooms and a bathroom with panel; bath with shower above, pedestal wash hand basin and low flush WC. Outside the rear garden has a paved patio with step to lawn area with flower beds. Contact Bairstow Eves, Quinton, on 0121 422 0090.

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I recently made my way to one of the company's inland parks, proving to be an ideal base from which to explore North Wales.

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The Warren boasts a wealth of facilities and activities available for the whole family. Those wanting to keep active during their break can take advantage of the multipurpose sports hall with badminton and squash courts, tennis courts and fully equipped technogym.

Leisure activities such as swimming in the indoor or outdoor pool, football, archery and water walkers are available for children to enjoy while the beachside cafe, bar and restaurant provide the perfection location to relax and unwind.

To enhance the availability of information to lodge owners, The Warren recently launched a new mobile



The Warren has direct access to Abersoch beach

website allowing owners to view sales information; see the restaurant menu and make reservations; check opening times for the park and its facilities; book boat launch times and; beauty treatments; activities; and even check tide times and weather.

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Mercedes hybrid has all the creature comforts

LIKE with so many things that originated in America, petrol-electric hybrid cars have eventually found their way to Europe.

With the desire to reduce emissions and extend a petrol car's range, Honda and Toyota added a parallel electric motor and battery system to assist in the propulsion duties.

It's Mercedes' E-Class model that promises all the usual features and creature comforts of its maker's volume-seller, but with the added bonus of an unobtrusive hybrid system to boost range and economy over and above a conventional diesel model.

With its E 300 BlueTec Hybrid, to give it its full name, Mercedes has adopted a low-key approach to hybridisation.

A small 0.8kW lithium ion battery is located in the engine bay of the E-Class, while an equally modest 27-horsepower electric motor adds the extra, silent motive power.

The result is a helpful addition to the car's 2.1-litre twin-turbo-diesel motor, and brings total power output to 228 horsepower.

By Iain Dooley

power. Why no plug-in electric option like some rivals? In a nutshell, Mercedes views this E-Class as a useful and cost-effective step in the right direction.

Fully-blown hybrids with large batteries usually suffer with reduced load space and increased weight.

This E-Class is being sold in both saloon and estate form with no discernable reduction in load space, and it's expected that a more expensive plug-in hybrid offering an increased electric-only driving range is in the pipeline.

For now, this E 300 offers largely company car drivers the ability to reduce their financial outgoings without compromising the refinement and space of a premium-size car.

At a basic level, the E 300 drives just like a E 250 CDi diesel, which is a good thing as it means you don't need to adopt a super-frugal driving style to extract a few more miles per gallon. Officially, the car returns

an impressive 67.3mpg in saloon form and, disappointingly for the taxman, emits a lowly 109g/km CO₂.

These figures are partly the result of the car's ability to start and pull away in electric-only mode and continue for around half a mile if driven gently - shuffling along in city traffic springs to mind.

At the other end of the spectrum, consistent higher speed running allows the car to "sail", as Mercedes describes it, when you lift off the throttle on flat or downhill sections, as the diesel engine is switched off for short periods of time.

It's in these situations that the car's battery contributes to the proceedings, adding welcome extra motive power, allowing the car to be topped up during braking actions and adding a subtle "push" alongside the diesel motor when extra acceleration is required.

Techno-savvy drivers will no doubt get excited by what's under this E-Class' bonnet,

but for the rest of us, the key issue is that the technology just works.

Diesel engine start-up and shutdown on the move is barely noticeable, while the car's seven-speed auto gearbox mirrors the smooth performance of its regular petrol and diesel counterparts.

Granted, there will be a small price premium over a diesel-only E-Class, but the logic is that you'll make enough savings through fuel and tax outlay to make the sums add up.

It's also fair to say that such a car will attract early adopters, where making a statement is often the priority, not the cash saving.

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The award-winning Chrysler 300C goes on sale in June with a top price of £39,995 on the road

Luxury and style comes with new Chrysler saloon

THE NEW Chrysler 300C executive saloon will go on sale in the UK next month.

Already with a hatful of awards since its US launch at the Detroit Auto Show in 2011, the new 300C will become available in two diesel-powered versions, for which UK prices have just been announced.

Starting at just £35,995 OTR for the 300C Limited, the luxury saloon will deliver European-style quality

and finesse, coupled with American-style comfort and high levels of equipment as standard. The new four-door car represents good value for money and positions the 300C among its benchmark rivals in the competitive top-line luxury sector of the market.

The highly specified 300C Executive costs just £39,995, an OTR price that includes adaptive cruise control, blind spot monitoring system, forward collision warning,

keyless entry, powered rear sunshade, and heated and ventilated Nappa leather seats among its many standard features.

Available from the start with a 3.0-litre V6 diesel engine producing 236bhp and 540Nm of torque, the new 300C will return 39.8 mpg (Combined) fuel economy and has a CO₂ figure of 185-191g/km depending on wheel size.

The side profile of the new 300C features the distinctive proportions

of its popular predecessor, but with added refinement and a more tailored appearance.

"Production of this eagerly-awaited new executive saloon is well underway and I am delighted to be able to announce pricing," says Nigel Land, brand director, Jeep Chrysler UK.

The 300C promises distinction and innovation, as the car sets a new course for the Chrysler brand in the UK."

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SPORT**TCR back in the GT with new signings**

WEDNESBURY'S Total Control Racing will return to the Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup for their fourth event of the season.

The Black Country squad will compete in next month's visit to Oulton Park in Cheshire after making a double swoop for their team line-up.

Multiple-category race winner Carl Breeze and talented series rookie Jamie Orton will race in the event after coming on board.

TCR have already fielded cars in the Asia Renault UK Clio Cup and Total Quartz Ginetta GT5 Challenge this year.

But their ultimate goal is to restore themselves at the forefront in Ginetta's flagship GT Supercup championship.

The signings of Kings Lynn-based Breeze, third in the driver standings, and Londoner Orton, 10th on 99 points, have been made with that in mind.

Breeze raced with TCR in the championship during the previous three years and was runner-up in 2010 and 2011.

Budget restrictions ahead of the new campaign definitely dictated a move elsewhere in the paddock.

But the 32-year-old is now back in the TCR fold.

Vince the Spurr for big defeat

BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs 0 HAMMERSMITH HILLS Hoists 60

BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs went out of rugby league's Community Shield in round one with a heavy home loss.

The Bulldogs had several first-choice players unavailable and their London-based opponents, consisting largely of Australian expatriates, generally had an extra yard or two of pace.

Two tries in the opening 10 minutes from centre Pat McGinty, both converted by Vince Spurr, set the visitors on their way.

The rest of the half saw the Bulldogs defend well, but they were unable to prevent further tries from prop Darren Booth and Spurr who added the goal points on each occasion.

Birmingham did their best to stem the flow in the second period, but more tries were run in.



Kickboxer Garry Hickman

CRADLEY HEATH'S Garry Hickman has further cemented his reputation as a 'driving force' in martial arts by gaining the highest kickboxing grade in the country.

Hickman works as a senior driving examiner for the Driving Standards Agency in Birmingham but, in the world of combat sports, he's an eighth dan black belt.

Now 57, the hugely-experienced veteran has waited eight years to reach his next pinnacle since his last grading and he has been involved in martial arts for over four decades.

Three years ago, he was appointed director of boxing on the executive committee of the Amateur Martial Association, an organisation he has served for over 25 years.

by Craig Birch

Having picked up his qualifications as an instructor, he went on to form the Hickman's Kickboxing Academy as a family business.

The school is based at the Ormiston Forge Academy in Cradley Heath and Hickman's daughters are both part of the fully-qualified instructor staff in Natalie, 35, and Leanne, 25, while his wife Diane is club secretary.

Even his grandchildren are starting to get involved in the club in Emily, 7, and two-year-old Jack, who has had to get a pair of kickboxing gloves especially made for him!

Now the elder statesman, Hickman still gets onto the mats with his students and wants to

compete for as long as his body will allow.

He said: "I would now have to wait nine years to be considered for my ninth dan and there's certainly no ninth or tenth dans in kickboxing!"

"As long as I can physically do it, I want to carry on, I have been training for over 40 years and, even now, I am always learning something."

"Even if I couldn't, I can help with tactics and the organisational side of the sport, we have got people on the organisation who are 75 plus!"

"It's what you give to your art and your organisation that gets you recognised, at this stage, but I would like to remain physically involved."

"I still train at spar at my club so I perform fully, as I always have done, but I do get a few aches and pains now."

Cox at the helm, but Old Hill only draw**Bromsgrove 182, Old Hill 142-5. Draw**

OLD HILL slipped to a draw in a reduced overs Birmingham and District Division One game after failing to meet the run rate.

Bromsgrove, pushing for quick runs, lost their first wicket at 35 to Matthias Treuberg. Joel Tratt's unbeaten 50 kept them ticking over as Nigel Davenport (6-25) ran through the order and Treuberg and Carl White took the last two wickets between them.

Bromsgrove were dismissed for 182 after 26.5 overs.

Old Hill's reply started poorly as they lost an early wicket. But they managed to stabilise with Dan Cox hitting 72 not out and the majority of the middle order managing to reach double figures.

However, Old Hill just couldn't hit the required run rate and their innings eventually closed at 144-5 off 27 overs, giving the winning draw to Bromsgrove. On Saturday, Old Hill travel to Dorridge.

Kidderminster Victoria 181, Old Hill 185-7. Old Hill won by three wickets

Half-centuries from Alex Hills and Joe Thorn helped Old Hill seconds take a welcome away victory.

Old Hill won the toss and put Kidderminster Victoria in. Although the home openers made a good start, they could not sustain it throughout the order.

Mohammed Javid claimed 4-40 off 12 overs and both Bilal Mohammed and Humais Butt grabbed two wickets as the home side were dismissed for 181 after 49 overs.

Old Hill openers Hills and Thorn got the innings off to a good start. But when they went, Hills for 50 and Thorn for 77, it was the turn of Old Hill's middle order to suffer at the hands of the Kidderminster Victoria bowlers.

However, they dug in and managed to reach the victory target off 48.5 overs.

On Saturday, Old Hill seconds entertain Dorridge.

The thirds' match at home to Lye, scheduled for the Old Halesoniens ground, was abandoned. They go to Martley on Saturday. The fourths' game at Old Hill also fell victim to the weather. On Saturday Martley are the visitors.

Hatton refuses to rule out a pact with Warren

RICKY HATTON today vowed to 'fight on' as a promoter despite ending his relationship with Sky Sports – and could even reunite with "old enemy" Frank Warren.

The pair acrimoniously split in 2005 when Hatton was a world champion and Warren was his manager and have seldom seen eye-to-eye since.

When Hatton was exposed as a cocaine user and went into rehab in September 2010, Warren called for him to be banned as both a promoter and fighter.

But both have since broke away from Sky Sports, Warren to start his own television channel in BoxNation while Hatton was dropped from their coverage last month.

by Craig Birch

camp, as well, relating to the Ryan Rhodes and Sergey Rabchenko bout on his show for June 16.

The 33-year-old is training Rabchenko to go against a fighter he manages in Rhodes, which has drawn the ire of Dave Coldwell in the opposite corner.

Hatton admitted to being "hurt" by the criticism of his involvement in the European light middleweight title fight and insists he is doing nothing wrong.

He said: "As a promoter, I will be there for the pair of them. The winner gets a world title and I will rebuild the other fighter's career."

"It's not an ideal situation and it's not one I have liked – there's been a few comments about me which I have not been happy about – but Ryan is my pal."

Meanwhile, Hatton declared David Haye and Dereck Chisora are not doing "anything wrong" by arranging to settle their differences in the ring.

The bitter heavyweight rivals will clash in a contest

non-sanctioned by the British Boxing Board of Control on July 14, but ordered by the Luxembourg Boxing Federation.

It could set a precedent and the tremors are being felt on the world stage – the WBC have warned both fighters could be expelled from their umbrella.

But more than 20,000 tickets have been shifted for the fight at West Ham's Upton Park and the interest is only picking up speed.

And Manchester hero Hatton, who drew 55,000 fans at what is now the Etihad Stadium in 2008, admits the bigwigs are powerless to stop the fight.

He said: "Neither Frank Warren, David Haye or Dereck Chisora are doing anything wrong, but the board must be a bit gutted."

"They have said how they are not happy and they should be punished and they are serious about it but they are not breaking any rules."

New blood shines for Old Hill club



The fighters from Charlesworth Martial Arts Club in Old Hill show off their stash

OLD HILL'S Charlesworth Martial Arts Club shone at the International Combat Organisation national championships.

Competing in Wales were champions Tyler Cox, Reuben Charlesworth and Weston Bogle.

The much-vaunted trio have already landed a sponsorship deal with Adidas.

Cox, just eight years old, went all the way in two sections, in the points fighting and light continuous divisions.

Two-time world champion Bogle added a national title to his tally.

Charlesworth, son of chief instructor Jason, won a total of six fights to clear up in the under-65kg black belt division.

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Runner-up status for swimming youngsters

YOUNGSTERS from Halesowen Swimming Club had a splashing success in round two of the Nuneaton Junior League.

Halesowen took a fine second place overall behind Leicester Penguins.

After the first 10 events Halesowen were established in second position and held on comfortably, finishing 70 points ahead of third-placed Wyre Forest.

Winning both of their individual events were Katy Morris and Mark Laing in the freestyle and butterfly and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins in the freestyle and backstroke. Other individual winners were Aaron Spoor in the nine-year-olds breaststroke and Imogen Vaughan-Hawkins in the nine-year-olds freestyle.

Eleven-year-olds India Hanke, Indu Appanna and nine-year-olds Ruby Hanke, Sophie and Melissa Parsons won the freestyle relay. Lauren Hill and Molly Kelly then joined the team to win the girls cannon relay.

Jamie Greenwood, George Davies and James Cuthbert won the 12-year-old boys freestyle relay.

Results: Leicester Penguins 257, Halesowen 227, Wyre Forest 157, Chase 154, Braunstone 146, Boldmere B 121.

Hawks win shield after comeback

Halas Hawks U10 Girls 2

Kewford Eagles U10 South 1
HALAS HAWKS hung on to win an excellent Stourbridge and District Youth League Merit Shield cup final.

They did it the hard way by coming from a goal down.

Halas went behind after 10 minutes when long-range effort from Kewford took a nasty deflection and found the net.

Halas responded well, creating several chances, but it was almost half-time before Kirsty Hampton hit a long range effort which the keeper parried and Hannah Fellows placed it in the bottom corner.

Halas continued to make chances in the second period, only to find the Kewford keeper in fine form.

Five minutes from time, Hawks scored the winner when Fellows beat two defenders, rounded the keeper and slid the ball across the goalmouth where it went in off a defender.

New track would be 'dream ticket' – skipper

DUDLEY HEATHENS skipper Adam Roynon has backed the club in their bid for a new track in the borough.

Roynon, who has been in stunning form this season, admits he is likely to be ruled out of next season's plans for the club as he will be ineligible for the National League.

But he admits he would be tempted to return should the former Bradley club realise their dream of racing at a higher level in a new stadium which is planned alongside Gornal Athletic FC at Castle Hill.

He said: "I have ambition to progress up to the highest level and the dream ticket would be if Dudley had a new stadium in time for next season to ride in the Premier

Dudley Heathens

League, but I realise that's too soon.

"If this is to be my last season with the club, then I'd love it if we could win everything in the National League.

"We have a super team, everyone is pulling together and helping each other and it's really enjoyable.

"We have the chance to win the National Shield against Mildenhall next Tuesday at Wolverhampton and we're in the semi-finals of the Knockout Cup against the Isle of Wight."

"The league is the big one and we all want to push hard to achieve big things."

Roynon emphasised his current form on Tuesday when the Heathens demolished King's Lynn 66-24 at Monmore Green.

Roynon – as in the away match at Lynn – went through the card in his five rides and Ashley Morris was also paid for the lot as the Heathens enjoyed their biggest margin of victory since relaunching in 2010.

Team boss Will Pottinger sounded a note of caution for next Tuesday's match.

"It would be wonderful for us to retain the National Shield but it's obvious Mildenhall are going to be up there challenging for honours this season," he said.

Meanwhile tickets are selling fast for the evening with Erik Gundersen at the Venue

Kick-start

Top grade for veteran Garry

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Halesowen hold on to pet store sponsors

HALESOWEN TOWN have extended their sponsorship deal with the Big Pet Store into a second season as they look to stabilise for the next year.

The Halesowen-based business will see their name displayed on the first team, youth team and all 11 coats sides, from the five-year-olds upwards.

The Big Pet Store, based on Hereward Rise, began as a market stall in 1991 and was co-started by Mike Burke, a lifelong Yeltz supporter.

Burke became the club's commercial manager in January and joined the committee along with fans representative Gary Willerts.

Supporters have also been rallying round to get the Grove ready for next season, doing repairs and helping to spread 30 tonnes of sand onto the pitch.

The team finished 12th in the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South & West last season but want to switch to the Northern League Division One South.

Darter Dicken is down on his luck

WEDNESBURY darter Matthew Dicken was left disappointed after going out of all three events of the PDC's latest Youth Tour action.

Two exits came at the first hurdle and Saturday started badly for Dicken, who went out 4-2 up first against George Killington.

He went on to put out Daniel King-Morris 4-2 in the second event, before Josh McCarthy ended his challenge 4-3.

The losing darters reported back for Sunday's event, but Dicken went out 4-2 in his first game to Joshua Parker.

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GERMAN HAS TALKS ON ALBION TOP JOB

GERMAN coach Ralf Rangnick has spoken to Albion about succeeding Roy Hodgson.

The 53-year-old German made contact with the Baggies about their vacant head coach's role during sporting director Dan Ashworth's hunt for Hodgson's successor.

However, he is unlikely to land the job. Birmingham boss Chris Hughton remains the favourite with Albion expected to approach their West Midlands neighbours for permission to speak to the former Newcastle chief.

But the Baggies are known to have sounded out a number of managers, with Rangnick among the intriguing names to lodge an interest with the club.

Sources in Europe confirmed that Albion spoke to the German, who has also been linked with the managerial vacancy at Belgian club Anderlecht and is believed to have turned down the chance to manage Besiktas in Turkey.

However, the Baggies are not believed to be pursuing him at this stage.

Spell

Rangnick's CV has similarities with Hodgson's as the former midfielder has built a career in coaching and management despite failing to make the grade as a professional player.

He has been out of work since last September, when he ended his second spell in charge of Schalke, citing exhaustion, but has recently signalled he is ready to return to work.

He was one of host of managers sounded out by the Baggies. Albion spoke to former Chelsea boss Claudio Ranieri while Wigan's Roberto Martinez is admired at The Hawthorns.

Meanwhile, Albion are monitoring a group of goalkeepers including Scot-

by Steve Madeley

land's Craig Gordon as they consider alternatives to top target Ben Foster.

The Baggies have added former Sunderland man Gordon to a summer transfer watchlist that also includes Rangers' Alan McGregor, West Ham's Rob Green, Blackburn's Paul Robinson and Bolton veteran Jussi Jaaskelainen.

Filling their goalkeeping vacancy remains a top priority after Foster's successful season-long loan from Birmingham.

The Baggies' preference remains a permanent deal for the former England man, who looks certain to leave St Andrew's after Blues' loss in the Championship play-offs.

But Albion are unwilling to pay over the odds and are lining up alternatives.

Gordon, 29, became Britain's most expensive goalkeeper in 2007 when he joined Sunderland from Hearts for £9m, but the last three years have seen him hampered by injuries and he was released on a free transfer at the weekend.

Robinson appears set to leave Blackburn following their relegation while Green becomes a free agent this summer.

Cougars get claws into first-round action



Lawrence Watt at the wheel for the Coseley Cougars in round one of the Elite Karting League in Kent

SANDWELL drivers enjoyed mixed fortunes in round one of the Elite Karting League.

Wednesbury duo Chris Cheetham and Lawrence Watt, along with Richard Ware of West Bromwich, all drive for the newly-formed Coseley Cougars in the 25-team league.

The team put in some strong performances at Bayford Meadows, Kent.

They finished in the top 10 in five of

the 16 sprint races. The race of the day for the squad was the 12-lap Race of Champions, a highly competitive affair with a £625 prize on offer.

The team qualified 12th and managed to gain five places over the 12 laps to finish seventh.

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the Cougars moved up from 17th to 11th in the first, but dropped from 11th to 18th in the second.

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